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Call for nominations

Status of Women Canada has announced the call for nominations for the 22nd annual Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case. The awards were instituted by the Governor General in 1979 to honour the 50th anniversary of the Persons case and the five Alberta women whose determination led to a landmark victory in the struggle of Canadian women for equality. Recipients of these awards continue the tradition of courage, integrity and hard work which the famous five of the Persons case inspired. Their effectiveness and courage has advanced the cause of equality for girls and women in significant and substantial ways that have enriched their communities. To be eligible for nomination, candidates must be Canadian citizens over 25 years of age. Youth award nominees are ages 15 – 25 years. Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2001. For more information, contact: Status of Women Canada at telephone: (613) 995-7835, or visit the Web site at: www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/persons/personne.html

Trumpeting a new career

Jazz Studies instructor, **Brad Turner**, is packing up his Junos and taking a one-year leave so that he can play more concerts and concentrate on composition. His jazz quartet was recently nominated for a Juno for its *Live at the Cellar* disc. His award-winning electric band, Metalwood, was also up for more accolades. As a composer, Brad has made big waves. Vancouver's Hard Rubber Orchestra, arguably the best jazz orchestra to emerge from this city, played a program of his tunes recently at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre. The College hopes to see Brad return to his teaching position at the end of his sabbatical, yet at the same time, wishes him continued and growing success in his independent music career!



Brad Turner

close up

by Shannon Spagnut

The Westcoast Reader celebrated its 20th anniversary in the Library building on March 23. Members of the publication's original editorial advisory board



Joan Acosta

attended the event, including **Michael Szasz, Gerri Ormiston, Neil Campbell, Nick Collins, Naomi Katz, Jim Smith and Pauline Long**. Created in 1981 by English as a Second Language teachers at a British Columbia Teachers of English as an Additional Language (BC TEAL) conference, the award-winning newspaper has come a long way. Published 10 times a year, it has grown to a circulation of 80,000 from a circulation of 8,000 in 1981. "The growth has been enormous," said editor, **Joan Acosta**. "Readership has evolved from strictly ESL students to include adult literacy, First Nations, high school and upper elementary students, as well as people recovering from brain injuries." *The Reader* has won numerous awards, including the Leaders of Readers Award, presented in 1987 by the U.S. secretary of education, **William Bennett**, and U.S. vice-president, **George Bush**. Full story and more photos online

Tuition reduction act

Legislation to reduce tuition fees at B.C.'s 28 public post-secondary institutions by five per cent was introduced last month. The reduction means B.C.'s college students will pay nearly \$850 less each year for tuition than college students in Alberta.

Sechelt campus expands

The B.C. government has approved \$1.4 million to expand and upgrade Capilano College's Sechelt campus, which opened in 1977. The expansion will provide 474 square metres of added classroom, library and office space, for a total of 1,041 square metres. The improvements will also expand and upgrade the computer lab, as well as provide an overall upgrade of the entire current campus.

Money for equipment

A one-time grant of \$23 million will help B.C. post-secondary institutions upgrade their computers and lab equipment. About \$1 million will support system-wide technical improvements, including a network for sharing student transcripts electronically, expanded online library resources and support for shared equipment for students with disabilities. Capilano College has been designated to receive \$1.13 million.



Honoured at awards night for 30 years of service are, from left: Crawford Kilian, Dr. Penny Le Couteur, John Sayre and Dr. Bill Scherbrucker, with presenter, Anna Lee Boulton.

Awards night

by Lana Robinson

Awards night, held on March 27 in the Performing Arts Theatre, celebrated the achievements of both the students and the Capilano College Foundation. The Foundation is marking its 30th anniversary with several initiatives, including the establishment of the first Philanthropy awards. These were presented by Foundation president, **Stan Feingold**, as part of the evening's ceremonies. Amongst this year's 10 recipients are **Deborah Burleson**, the Music Therapy student who organized the Burning Down the House event held at the College earlier this term, and **Maryel Helmers**, affectionately known around campus as the can lady. Deborah also received the Paul Gallagher Scholarship for Excellence. The Foundation recognized College employees of 30 years or more for their dedicated service. **Dr. Keith Wade**, the first faculty member on the Foundation, recalled the early years of a Foundation trying to assist a young college. In its first year, the Foundation granted \$1,800 for 24 awards. This year, 730 awards were given, totaling more than \$250,000.

Full story online

Faculty PD

by Priscilla Stanbury

Faculty PD days, May 7 – 11

The PD committee has organized a varied and interesting schedule of events for the week of May 7 – 11. You are reminded to return your completed registration forms for the May PD days to **Priscilla Stanbury**, Birch building, room 346 by April 25.

Fast forward video showcase,

Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 9
This is an excellent opportunity for employees to view the latest equipment in technology, and learning/teaching materials. If you would like to attend, please give your name to Priscilla by April 25.

Special workshop: *The Joys and Challenges of Working Abroad*

Have you ever wondered what is involved in working in a foreign country? Capilano College employees are invited to attend a stimulating and informative workshop on just this subject. Wednesday, May 16 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Library building, room 322. Refreshments will be served.

PD grant recipients

The PD committee is pleased this year to have been able to assist the several faculty with their PD endeavours. Please visit the online version of the *informer* for a complete list and more PD details.

What a year!

The Athletics Awards banquet was held on March 28 at Cheers Restaurant in North Vancouver with special guest, Olympic gold medallist in wrestling, **Daniel Igali**. Gold and silver were in abundance that evening where it was announced that the Capilano College department of Athletics had won the provincial Unicolle Cup for the best overall aggregate standings improvement in the province. Some highlights include:

- CCAA women's national soccer championship (gold)
- BCCAA provincial women's soccer championship (gold)
- BCCAA provincial men's soccer (silver)
- BCAA provincial women's basketball (silver)
- BCAA provincial women's volleyball (silver)
- Female athlete of the year is basketball player, **Melissa Chancey** (Business Fundamentals program)
- Male athlete of the year is basketball player, **Choyal Brown** (Business Administration program)
- Female scholar of the year is volleyball player, **Janine Almeida** (Business Administration program)
- The male scholar of the year is badminton player, **Steve McKay** (Tourism Management Co-op program).

More photos online



Melissa Chancey, Donnaleen Miller and Choyal Brown.

The Advising Centre

by Suzanne Norman

For many students, the first contact with the College is through the Advising Centre. Over the past year, we have had more than 8,600 visits – double that of 1999/2000. A growing number of available programs and institutions has made choosing a post-secondary institution more complicated and Capilano College's programs are competing with hundreds of others. To give students accurate and reliable information, we need the cooperation of all departments on campus. Keep your brochures and Web sites up-to-date, and have program information meetings posted on the Web. We encourage everyone to come and tell us about your programs. It is a win/win situation — we learn more about your program (such as your ideal applicant) and you learn what students really want to know about your courses. Our thanks to **Paul Carter**, **Tony Cusinelli**, **Mary Ann Van Horn**, **Stephen Williams** and **Daniel Yasinski** for speaking to us this year.

More details online

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